

The Elephant Calf

Brecht had ideas which he intended to be taken seriously by his audiences. Well... there's seriousness in "The Elephant Calf", but absurd antics and an obstacle course of futility take center stage.

Enjoy the chaos, and keep in mind the stage and the purpose it serves. It is one of theatre's most neglected characters. It feeds our minds the essence of performance, cultivating moments of magic, illusion, and catharsis. Find some time in your day to give it a hug. It will take requests at intermission... Thanks to the cast and crew.

-Alexis Hanawalt

Fitting Rooms

There's a first time for everything. Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed. A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you anyway. One can have a whole lot of money and still be desperately poor. Cherish people for what they are, not for what you'd like them to be. If you don't risk anything, you risk even more. Don't sweat the small stuff. Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying "I'll try again tomorrow". Everyone you meet knows something you don't- learn from them. We don't see things how they are, we see things as we are.

- Becca Krass

Foul Ball

The highest honor you can bestow upon an artist is to fear his work. This is not fear associated with disgust or loathing, but fear that what is presented is too harsh to look at. It reflects our faults with the optimistic hope for correction. HA HA HA!!!

- Aleks Merilo

Gunn High School Theatre Department Proudly Presents

The 1998 Student Directed

one acts

The Elephant Calf

by Bertolt Brecht Directed by Alexis Hanawalt

Fitting Rooms by Susan Cinoman Directed by Becca Krass

Foul Ball Written and Directed by Aleks Merilo

THERE WILL BE A TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION The Original Last Wish Baby

by William Seebring Directed by Nat Pickering

Corn Stars

by Andrea Goldblatt and Audrey Hannah Directed by Andy Goldblatt

Railing it Uptown

by Shirley Lauro Directed by Erin Jacklin and Mark Williams

Production Staff

Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager Set Design Light Design Light Mentor Sound Design Sound Mentor Gadfly Laura Ellis Sarah Marquess Jeremy Katz Mike Nagy Lynne Ellis Dan Krass Alexis Hanawalt Jim Shelby

The Elephant Calf

Directed by Alexis Hanawalt Written by Bertolot Brecht

Polly (Banana Tree) Uriah (Moon) Jesse Mahoney (Elephant Mother) Soldiers Jaya King Evan Flectcher Megan Lillis Scott Bratman Jacob Cabrera Jeff Marquess Ken Ruda Rachel Hoffman Ondrej Likar

Galy Gay (Pal Jacky, the Elephant Calf) Stage Hand

Fitting Rooms

Directed by Becca Krass Written by Susan Cinoman

Linda Mariel Kate Rissa Tia Kahine Siobhan Doherty Cheryl Logan Elena Veresh Lisa Hanawalt Carly Helsaple Melanie Conley

Foul Ball

Written and Directed by Aleks Merilo

Cole Jezebel Daren Nick Junkerman Julie Lake Tolu Thomas

THERE WILL BE A TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION

The Original Last Wish Baby

Directed by Nat Pickering Written by William Seebring

Narrator Actor #1 Actor #2 Actor #3 Actor #4 Orderly Alejandro Foung Nick Miller Krista McDermott Nick Lowe Shana Smith Mark Gavartin

Corn Stars

Directed by Andy Goldblatt Written by Andrea Goldblatt and Audrey Hannah

Drew Connor Alan Jay Lady Jason Biehler Lindsey Selden Dave Enemark Rob Walsh Lizzie Lisha

Railing it Uptown

Directed by Mark Williams and Erin Jacklin Written by Shirley Lauro

Woman in Black Woman in White Claire McCabe Sarah Tsien

Crew

Running Crew Head Running Crew

Construction Head Construction Crew

Czar o' Projects Pretty Maker Light Board Operator Lighting

Sound Board Operator Co-Properties Heads

Properties

Co-Costumes Heads

Costumes

Co-House Managers

Poster

Program

Music Compilation

Sarah Marquess Laura Anderson Mayuna Bookman Lara Chausow Mark Gavartin Silja James Dan Moberly Natasha Moustache Mike Nagy Negar Nasoohi **Emily Rasmussen Brian Stempien** Mara Weiner-Macario Jeremy Katz **Rebecca Blatt** Kara Blitz Lara Chausow Mark Gavartin Alexis Hanawalt Erin Jacklin Dan Moberly Natasha Moustache Emily Rasmussen Mara Weiner-Macario Mark Williams Andy Hentz Sarah Drasner Becca Blitz Kara Blitz Andy Hentz Dan Krass Becca Hinden **Emily Rasmussen** Kara Blitz Lara Chausow Shera Geller Becca Ballon Penelope Van Tuyl Laura Anderson Mayuna Bookman Elana Thurston-Milgrom Peter Haptas Hayden Rockson Jaya King Nick Lowe Hayden Rockson Mark Williams Andrea Goldblatt Alexis Hanawalt Nat Pickering

The Original Last Wish Baby

It troubles me that we are slaves to the media. The fact that the news can make an entire nation obsess over a woman in the Midwest having 7 babies is alarming. It is my "wish" that this play will make you consider where you get your information.

I'd like to thank my collaborators: Shana, Krista, Alejandro, and the Nicks, you rose to the task and made this play what it is. My fam, for laughing during rehearsal. To Andy for my general well-being, and to all of you in the audience for showing up.

- Nat Pickering

Corn Stars

"Corn Stars" is a product of, and I suppose really about, a lot of different kinds of love. So here, in no particular order, are the "I love yous" on which the play is based.

To my co-author Audrey, who makes me believe in kindred spirits.

To my main man Nat, who keeps me sane and more than happy.

To my parents, who never stop the support.

To my fantabulous cast, for some of the most rewarding "mo"s I've ever had.

And, of course, the crew at the Palo Alto Square Theater- past and present: Michael, Amber, Jenny, Josh, Jeanie, Ben, Lani, Paul, James, Eric, Aaron, Andrew, John, and the rest. I love you in that strange familial way that only working together in a movie theatre can bring about.

- Andrea Goldblatt

Railing it Uptown

"We are stuck... in the car, a couple of molecules stuck in a rod of light rapidly moving through darkness." -Sharon Olds

"Railing it Uptown," by Shirley Lauro, examines the way we perceive strangers and the manner in which we deal with those stereotypes. It explores our reactions when perceived boundaries are crossed, and we are reminded of the humor inherent in human nature. We thank our very enthusiastic cast for our crazy journey through this silly yet thought-provoking script. Meow.

> - Marin Jackiams (Erin Jacklin and Mark Williams)

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